

UNIFIED ARIZONA VETERANS (UAV), P.O. BOX 34338, PHOENIX, AZ 85067

**MINUTES OF THE UAV GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, 2014, AT THE
STATE VETERAN HOME, 4141 N. SILVESTRE HERRERA WAY, PHOENIX, AZ 85012**

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 a.m. by UAV Chairman Rob Welch, followed by Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Chaplain Jon Altmann.

Greetings/Announcement from the US Army Recruiting Battalion: MAJ Tyler Stewart representing LTC McAfee, wishing to establish a relationship with veterans organizations.

Presentation: "Retirees for Vets" – Dr. John Strickland, WO4, US Army, Retired; D.Min and Volunteer Recruiter, Retirees for Vets

Dr. Strickland outlined the relatively new Retirees for Vets project. Several veteran patients need transportation to medical and dental appointments. They may be veteran patients who don't have family members nearby. Two volunteer retirees/drivers are assigned to each veteran patient. The VA will pay the retirees who serve as drivers. There are liability issues and VA restrictions. Training is provided to the retirees who volunteer to serve as drivers. Point of contact: Dr. John Strickland, email: RetireesForVets@yahoo.com, telephone: 602.692.5280

Presentation: "Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients in Arizona" event, Saturday, May 17, 2014, Tempe," – Dr. John P. Langellier, Central Division Director, Arizona Historical Society

Dr. Langellier highlighted the upcoming Saturday, May 17th event honoring the Medal of Honor Recipients born in Arizona. The exhibit will later travel to Flagstaff, Yuma, Tucson, and Prescott. Donations are invited; checks payable to: Arizona Historical Society, Inc. and the memo line should read Medal of Honor Exhibit. They should be sent to Arizona Historical Society ATTN: Ms. Kim Bittrich, 949 E. Second St. Tucson, AZ 85719. Point of Contact regarding the May 17th Exhibit: Dr. John Langellier, 1300 N. College Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85281, Phone: 480-929-0292 ext. 123; email: jlanguellier@azhs.gov

ROLL CALL: Roll call taken, quorum certified.

JANUARY 4, 2014 MINUTES: Motion to approve by Secretary Carol Culbertson, seconded by Sharon Woods. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Hysko presented and distributed a Statement of Funds report:

General Fund: \$10,669.87

Savings Account: \$14,015.43

AVHOF Account: \$6,819.74

Total: \$31,505.04

Reminder: UAV Dues are due and will be considered late on Saturday, March 1st. Membership renewal forms and dues checks can be mailed to UAV, PO Box 34338, Phoenix 85067, Attn: Treasurer. The Membership Renewal form is included in today's Agenda handout.

REPORTS:

1. Congressional Offices – James Pitts, Outreach for Congressman Pastor’s Office, stated he is available to assist veterans. James, Thank you!

2. VA Medical Center – Scott McRoberts, Public Affairs Officer, reported the Southeast Clinic will be dedicated on Thursday, April 24th. Scott volunteered to look into reserving the VAMC ACC Basement Conference Center for the afternoon of Saturday, June 7th.

3. UAV Board of Directors – UAV Chairman Rob Welch requested all representatives to UAV to please forward all important UAV information to all levels of their veterans organizations.

Reminder, Jonathan Larkin, State Representative, District 30, to receive the UAV Copper Shield/Legislator of the Year award on February 12, 2014. All UAV encouraged to attend and support the program (Patriotic Gala event – Copper Sword, Copper Eagle, and Copper Shield awards to be presented to Don Brandt, Pinnacle West; Salt River Project (SRP); and Representative Jonathan Larkin, respectively). Student scholarships will also be awarded. Register on the web site: www.avhof.org

4. UAV Legislative Committee - Chairman Corey Harris reported that the members of the Arizona Legislature Veterans Caucus include Representatives Sonny Borelli, Jonathan Larkin, Mark Cardenas, Kelly Townsend, and Ruben Gallego. The Lunch on the Lawn event is being planned for March. Corey will be teaching Legislative Training on Sunday, February 9th; more information to follow. Art Sloane asked about the status of the MFRF Review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. StandDown, February 14, 15, and 16 – Vice Chair Terry Araman reported that 1700 plus homeless and hungry veterans are expected this year, compared to 1500 last year. Definition of chronic homeless is: homeless for one full year, or 4 times in the last 4 years. Enough volunteers have registered to work.

NEW BUSINESS AND OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. After-Action Pearl Harbor Ceremony Committee meeting – Judy Hatch presented a \$69.33 Thank you lunch expense for reimbursement. Donations to offset Memorial Day Ceremony expenses are welcome and payable to: Memorial Day Ceremony. Checks can be given to Judy Hatch or Mel Brody.

2. February 12th Patriotic Gala Announcement – John Sentz

The Patriotic Gala event sponsored by the AVHOF Society will be Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at the Airport Marriott Hotel, 1101 N. 44th Street, Phoenix 85008. The Copper Sword Award recipient will be Don Brandt, Pinnacle West. The inaugural Golden Eagle Award recipient will be SRP/Salt River Project. The Copper Shield/Legislator of the Year Award recipient will be State

Representative Jonathan Larkin, District 30. Four scholarships will be presented to students. Tables of 10, cost: \$60/person. Registration closes on February 5th. Approximately 210 are registered so far. Chair of the Patriotic Gala event: AVHOFs President-Elect John Sentz, email: swocapt@sentzible.com.

3. AVHOF Class of 2014 – Director Reggie Yates provided refresher information that the postmark due date is Wed, April 30th to nominate veterans with outstanding service to community. The Nomination form is included in today's Agenda handout.

4. Amount of UAV Membership Dues – Donna Adams stated that the Big 3 (American Legion, DAV, and the VFW) used to chair the UAV Meetings and paid annual membership dues of \$100 per year. Since they are no longer the Chairperson, Donna recommended that the Bylaws be changed to charge the Big 3 the same \$25 that smaller veterans organizations pay.

GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Sun, February 9th & Thurs, February 13th Legislative Training at MSVA, 755 E. Willetta St, Phoenix (Corey Harris, armyharris@gmail.com)

2. Wed, February 19th “Navy Night” at The Old Spaghetti Factory restaurant, downtown Phoenix, 6 pm – 9 pm., 3 Navy guest speakers, \$20/person for dinner. Veterans and the public invited. Reply due date: Feb 14th. (Carol Culbertson, 602.943.7834, clauhehc@yahoo.com)

3. Sun, February 23rd, MSVA Fundraiser, Crescent Ballroom, 7 pm with 8 pm show (Corey Harris, armyharris@gmail.com)

4. Tues, February 25, free guest speaker program: “Southeast Asia War Games: Flying Air America over Laos”, Macayo's Mexican Kitchen Restaurant, downtown Phoenix, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm (Carol Culbertson, 602.943.7834, clauhehc@yahoo.com)

5. Monday, July 14, WNBA “All Stars and Stripes” fundraiser for Veteran Heritage Project (Dave Lucier, davidflucier@gmail.com)

50/50 Raffle Winner: Jon Altmann, \$41; \$41 to the UAV Treasury.
With thanks to Vice Chair Araman for bringing the doughnuts!

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 1, 2014, State Veteran Home Phoenix, Liberty Hall on the second floor, 10 am to Noon

Closing prayer given by Chaplain Altmann.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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ACTION LOG

Reply to Art Sloane – regarding his Status of MFRF question